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Bristol Bay in the News, April 9, 2013

Today in Washington, D.C., Nuna Resources, a group that has been discredited as being entirely paid for by the Pebble Partnership, is showing a film pushing mining extraction as the only economic development for Bristol Bay. While Nuna Resources claims to represent Alaska Natives, by its own admission, it has no membership, **is fully funded by the Pebble Limited Partnership** and its board members have financial ties to the mining conglomerate. One of the people featured in the film, Glen Alsworth, was the subject of a lawsuit alleging abuse of his elected position for personal gain, and court filings revealed that **Alsworth was paid \$375,000 by the Pebble Limited Partnership**. That's why credible Native organizations say Nuna doesn't represent the villages of Bristol Bay, where more than **80% of shareholders** and **residents oppose** the Pebble Mine.

The Alaska Public Radio Network covered the upcoming release of the draft final Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and profiled some of the business, industry and other groups that recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to oppose the Pebble Mine.

In the piece, former Alaska State Senate President and Republican Rick Halford says it's time for the Pebble Partnership to step forward and submit its application for a permit.

"Hiding behind the 'we haven't applied yet' when they have the Wardrop Report that they've paid for and filed with the Security and Exchange Commission; when they have their water rights application that's hundreds of pages long, to take all the water from in both forks of the Koktuli and Upper Talarik creek. They have a lot on paper," Halford said.

Tom Franklin of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership added that the EPA's authority to protect waters of national value is clear. "It's not necessary to wait for a permit application. We know that the scale of this development would be so great that it would have an effect on water quality. And that's what EPA is primarily concerned about," Franklin said.

And, an article in the Bristol Bay Times chronicles the strong debate over the State of Alaska's revised Bristol Bay Area Plan, with the Department of Natural Resources holding meetings in the region to hear local concerns. Controversial revisions to the 2005 Bristol Bay Area Plan were widely seen as favoring mining over fish, leading to a lawsuit that resulted in DNR having to do the current revisions. Many locals are advocating for an alternative plan that recognizes the use and value of fishing, subsistence hunting, wildlife and other priorities. For more information, visit savebristolbay.org

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EPA To Release Revised Pebble Mine Watershed Assessment

Alaska Public Media

Peter Granitz

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